

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, and continuing to line 10, with:

--It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide an apparatus and a method for testing integrated circuits which overcomes the above-mentioned ~~disadvantageous~~ disadvantages of the prior art apparatus and methods of this general type. In particular, it is an object of the invention to test integrated circuits rapidly and simply.--